

Turn out carefully on platter and surround with prunes.

DEMANDS REFUSED; ROCK ISLAND MEN TO STRIKE

That They Would Strike Unless Demands Were Granted, Was by a Referendum Vote.

Rock Island railroad officials, in refusing yesterday several concessions demanded by the system federation of shopmen on that road, have defied the men, and their action will probably precipitate the strike which the men declared for by a referendum vote, unless their demands were granted.

The company, in notifying the committee from the shopmen that the road would not recede from its position in regard to wages and working agreements, has ended negotiations with the employes and has left the next move with the international presidents of the various trades working on the line, whose sanction is necessary before a strike can be called.

A meeting of the executive committee of the five crafts employed on the road was held here today, but union leaders refused to discuss the result of the conference. The international officers authorized the taking of the strike vote, and their approval of the strike is considered a foregone conclusion.

The exact time when the strike will be officially called is unknown, but there was a rumor

current around union headquarters that it would be Monday. Confirmation of this was impossible, but it is common knowledge that if the strike is called it will be within a week.

It is evident that the railroads are acting together. Until all employes on all roads do the same thing they will work at a disadvantage—what they need is system federation on all roads, and then system federation of these federations.

NAUGHTY THIEF STEALS WILLIAM'S SKUNKS

William Parry, Peoria, is offering a reward today for a robber who is minus an olfactory nerve but who Parry says has unlimited gall.

William recently embarked in the skunk industry, and stocked a remote building and lot on his farm near Virginia with twenty-two healthy skunks, in full working order, which he and his sons had captured alive.

Now the business is busted. A thief drove up a wagon, herded the skunks through a chute and made away with the entire stock.

Bloodhounds brought from Springfield by Deputy Sheriff Widmayer couldn't seem to catch the scent. But the neighborhood never does expect to live it down.

The law doesn't allow cattle to be packed in stock cars like Chicago people are packed into those Van Buren street cars. But cattle cost money—human beings are cheap.